

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 17-22 are pending. Claims 12-16 and 23-25 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 11, 17 and 21 have been amended.

Drawings

The Patent Office objected to FIGS. 5-7 for failing to include a legend such as "Prior Art".

FIGS. 5-7 have been amended to include a legend.

Claim Objections

The Patent Office objected to claim 1, 11 and 23 for informalities.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended, claim 23 has been canceled thus the rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

The Patent Office rejected claims 11-15 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art.

Applicant respectfully traverses; however, claims 23-25 have been canceled and claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16, consequently, claims 1-11 and 17-22 are believed allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office stated claims 1-10 would be allowable if amended to correct informalities and claims 16-22 are objected to as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

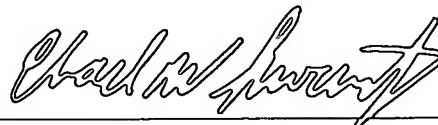
Applicant thanks the Patent Office for the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 1-10 and 16-22. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16 including intervening claims, thus claims 1-11 and 17-22 are believed allowable.

CONCLUSION

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. In the event the indication of allowability is withdrawn, applicants reserve the right to amend the claims back to the original form for further prosecution, without prejudice, disclaimer or estoppel. In the event that issues arise in the application that may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (402) 496-0300 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

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